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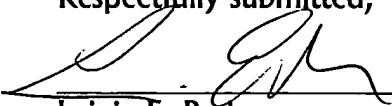
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In response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2003, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the application to include the following abstract on a separate page following the claims:

## ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a composition for coating a metal substrate which is intended to be fabricated and overcoated, and wherein the binder comprises an aqueous silica sol or alkali metal silicate having a  $\text{SiO}_2/\text{M}_2\text{O}$  mole ratio of at least 6:1, where M represents total alkali metal and ammonium ions, and wherein the silica particles have an average size equal to or smaller than 10 nm. Very good results are obtained if the dried coating is post-treated with a film-strengthening solution.

REMARKS

The present response amends the application to include the abstract from the international (PCT) application. This is in response to the request in the Quayle Action for an abstract. However, it is noted that this abstract was included with the preliminary amendment filed upon entering the national stage in the U.S.

The allowability of this application is gratefully acknowledged.

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